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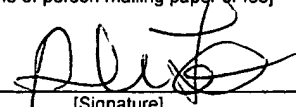
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**REQUEST FOR FILING A**

**CONTINUATION OR DIVISION OF AN  
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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior international application Number PCT/EP02/09378, filed on August 22, 2002, entitled TENSIONER WITH ADJUSTABLE BIASING FORCE OF A TRACTION MEMBER in the name of inventor(s) MANFRED KRAUS & MICHAEL BOGNER, which designates the United States.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☐ Application Data Sheet.
- ☒ Specification with 23 pages, 19 claims and 8 sheets of drawing.
- ☐ Declaration under 37 C.F.R § 1.63 with ☐ Power of attorney.
- ☐ Assignment.
- ☐ Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R 3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.

- ☒ Self-addressed postcard.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application number 101 46 612.9, filed September 21, 2001 in Germany, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
- ☐ A preliminary amendment.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement together with ☒ PTO-Form 1449 and ☒ cited references.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:--This application is a
- ☐ continuation
- ☐ division
- of pending international application number PCT/ , filed .--.
- ☐ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Fee:	\$770.00
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee of and the official fee of \$ 00 for recording the Assignment.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of March 22, 2004, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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